

RE: Data Files Needed

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Before you go too far, here are the issues:

1) If you calculate AM by year and fit a line through the data, this gives equal weight to each data point, even though the number of samples (and hence the confidence in the value) varies widely by year. That is why I suggested creating a plot that shows AM by year, and includes the uncertainty bounds. That may be helpful. However, I am pretty sure the standard method for fitting a model that gives AM by year would be to fit the individual data. Obviously, you get very different results if you use the individual data rather than the yearly means.

2) Assuming a linear model makes no sense to me, at least until someone shows me that a linear model fits better than other non-linear options. Asd you noted, a linear model will predict negative values.

I will do a little experimenting with the data to see what strategy seems to make sense.

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Can you resend the files that have GM, AM, and AM(MVUE) tables and charts. I have either lost or corrupted the files. I am intending to construct a JEM using the AM(MVUE) values.

Here is the JEM I created using the arithmetic means. Do you see any obvious errors or problems?